

# "HEARD ON THE HILL"

Issue 25

News from Willistown United Methodist Church

October 8, 2021

Welcome to "Heard on the Hill"! This is an "e-mail blast" to keep all our friends and members informed of all the activities here at Willistown UMC. Please let the secretary know of any team meetings or events of interest that we can pass on to both the church community and our neighbors in the geographic community.

Church is back for in-person worship! We will have a combined 10:30 service until further notice. Enjoy the contemporary and traditional music. We look forward to seeing you in-person if you are comfortable doing so! We will continue to update you on guidelines and plans for the re-opening of events and group meetings. **Update: Due to the increase in variant Covid cases, we strongly recommend masks, even if you are vaccinated.**

**Bulletins** and hymnals/bibles are back. There is a very low risk of Covid transmission through touch. Please consider the conservation of paper resources by recycling your bulletins after the service or using the projected slides if you are able. Prayer lists and newsletters are available on the back table. We also have **large print hymnals** available on the worship table in the back.

**Willistown UMC Email has changed!** Please note new email address is: [willistownumc@gmail.com](mailto:willistownumc@gmail.com).



**Joint Bible Study** with Advent Lutheran Church meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am. It is live at Advent and available on Zoom (Meeting ID: 827 7547 8670 Passcode: Advent1967). Advent Lutheran Church: 1601 Green Ln, West Chester, PA 19382.

**The next Blood drive is Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 2:30 to 7:30pm.** Contact Gil Fell at [fellga@aol.com](mailto:fellga@aol.com).



### Liturgists

- October 3 Lamont Satterly
- October 10 Fred Bachman
- October 17 Gil Fell
- October 24 Jim McNamara
- October 31 Sara Beam

### Greeters

- October 3 Jane and Jim Van Zandt
- October 10 Kim Pierce and Dick Wright
- October 17 Agnes Tobin and Fred Bachman
- October 24 TBD
- October 31 Pat Roelofs and June Di Romualdo



- 2 Kit Riggs
- 8 Kristin Bolz
- 13 Janet Colburn
- 31 Ana Southern
- 31 Evan McNamara



**Weekly Letter from Rev. Jeff**



Hello Friends and Members of Willistown UMC:

It's been a joy becoming acquainted with the ministry of WUMC in all points in its journey. One recent form of ministry was hosting the Concerts for Those in Need, supporting the local Loaves and Fishes foodbank. Clelia Fiore and Jay Gullo, valued members of our community, led the efforts. We couldn't hold it last year due to the height of the pandemic; we had high hopes and started planning toward holding it this year. Unfortunately, due to several factors around the pandemic, we are saddened that we cannot hold it in 2021. While we mourn this lost opportunity, we will not let it go unaddressed, especially in this deep time of need.

In conjunction with our upcoming Stewardship Season, we will offer you the opportunity to care for our neighbors as well as our church community. See the letter from Clelia and Jay later in this newsletter to catch up with how to support Loaves and Fishes through this time through donations of food or finances.

I encourage you, as you take stock of your blessings in this season, to thoughtfully sharing with Loaves and Fishes. We are thankful people at Willistown. We will return thanks in worship each week, especially as we near the holiday of Thanksgiving, but we can also return thanks in caring for our neighbors.

Blessings, Rev. Jeff

**COVID Update**

As of Thursday, October 7, the majority of Pennsylvania, including Chester and Delaware Counties, remains in the "High" category of COVID transmission. Rev. Jeff will continue to monitor the situation as it develops.

<b>Low Transmission Blue</b>	<b>Moderate Transmission Yellow</b>	<b>Substantial Transmission Orange</b>	<b>High Transmission Red</b>
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Source: CDC

Masks remain highly recommended for all church activities until further notice, as advocated by the CDC and Chester County Health. We have masks available by the main door should you not come to worship or activities with one. It is one of the most straightforward ways we can tangibly love our neighbor in the time of COVID.

All other means of abatement also continue. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Stay home if you are uncertain about your condition or feeling ill in any way, and please get your vaccine (or the proper booster when appropriate) if you haven't already!

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Dear Friends and Members of Willistown UMC,

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we held multiple fall "Concerts For Those In Need" at Willistown UMC. These concerts support the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park. Our last concert in 2019 raised over \$3,000 and 1,784 pounds of food for our neighbors. For more information about Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and the incredible work they do, please visit their website at [www.delcoloaivesandfishes.org](http://www.delcoloaivesandfishes.org)

Due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, we will not be able to hold a concert this year. In conjunction with WUMC's Stewardship Season, we would like to encourage all of you to support Loaves and Fishes. There will be an area in the Great Room to accept your non-perishable food donations every Sunday from October 24th through November 14th, this will ensure that folks will receive the donations in time for Thanksgiving.

If it is more convenient, please consider making a financial donation. Donations should be made payable to "Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry," with "Concert for Those in Need" in the memo line. Checks can either be given at the church or sent directly to:

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry  
703 Lincoln Avenue  
Prospect Park, PA 19076

A simple donation of food or finances can have a great impact on our neighbors. Thank you for your ongoing support.

With gratitude,  
Jay Gullo and Clelia Fiore

